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MIDDLEWICH.

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

VITAL STATISTICS.

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MIDDLEWICH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Victoria Buildings,

Middlewich.

24th March, 1939.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

Sir,

ANNUAL REPORT 1938.

I am instructed by the Medical Officer of Health, to forward herewith six copies of his Report for the year 1938.

I am to inform you as the Medical Officer of Health retires on March 31st, 1939 and as the annual Statistics from the Registrar General have not yet been received a further Report showing the Final Births and Deaths will be forwarded to you.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(SGD.) R.L. PRICE.

Middlewich Urban District Council.

VICTORIA BUILDINGS,
MIDDLEWICH.

To the Chairman and Members of the

MIDDLEWICH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Dear Sir and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Third Annual Report and Vital Statistics, for the year ended December 31st, 1938.

Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health ... ... R. A. NEILL, M.B., Ch.B.
Sanitary Inspector ... ... R. L. PRICE, C.R.S.I.

Section A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

December 31st.	1931	1938
Area in Acres	1,082	1,956
Population	5,458	6,000
Number of Inhabited Houses	1,355	1,723
Number of Families or Separate Families ...	1,340	1,700
Rateable Value	£19,271	£25,421
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£79	£99/17/-

Social Conditions.

Manufacture of Alkali, Salt, Ladies' and Gents' Clothing, Silk Winding, Sanitary Ware, Cheese.

Returns of Labour Exchange.

On Register :	Men and Boys	Women and Girls	Total
December 31st, 1937	312	102	414
December 31st, 1938	276	55	331
Decrease	36	47	83

The above figures are given by the courtesy of the Branch Manager. The Exchange serves a large Rural Area as well as the Urban Area.

Vital Statistics.

NOTE.—The undermentioned figures relate only to Registered Births and Deaths, occurring within the Urban Area, and are not the final Birth and Death Returns, which will be supplied on receipt from Registrar General.

Births.

	Males	Females	Total	Rate
Legitimate	42 ...	45 ...	87 ...	—
Illegitimate	— ...	1 ...	1 ...	—
Totals	42 ...	46 ...	88 ...	14·26
Deaths	29 ...	17 ...	46 ...	8·73

Deaths from Puerperal Causes. Nil.

Deaths of Infants under One Year.

	Males	Females	Total	Rate
All Infants	2 ...	2 ...	4 ...	40

Death Rate of Infants under One Year.

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	40
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Live Births	40
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Live Births	Nil.

Deaths from

	Males	Females	Total
Cancer	5 ...	2 ...	7
Measles	— ...	— ...	Nil
Whooping Cough	— ...	— ...	Nil
Diarrhoea	— ...	— ...	Nil

Section B.

OFFICERS. As at commencement of Report.

LABORATORY SERVICES.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

HOSPITALS.

There has been no change in any of the above services and all are readily available and in excellent condition.

Section C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

(1). Water.

The Town's supply has maintained its usual high standard of purity and supply.

The houses taken over by the extension of the Area are gradually being supplied with the Urban Water.

Estimated Daily Consumption, 1938 ... 225,864 gallons.

(2). Drainage and Sewerage.

A new sewer has been laid in Hayhurst Avenue to accommodate 40 new Council Houses.

All sewers have been kept in good working order and clean, there have been no stoppage on the main sewers during the Year.

Sewage Disposal.

The works continue to cause trouble through subsidence and some delay over Financial matters seems to have occurred with regard to the new scheme.

Rivers and Streams.

No serious pollution of the rivers and streams in the Area has occurred during the past year.

(3). Sanitary Accommodation at Houses.

Conversions during the Year. Three pail closets to water closet.

Total number of Inhabited Houses in Area, 1,723.

Closet Accommodation.

Houses with Water Closets	1,623 ...	94%
Houses using Pail Closets	71 ...	4%
Houses using Privy Closets	33 ...	2%

Two Houses have water closets inside and Pail Closets outside.

Disposal.

Nightsoil is collected by the Council's Labourers with hired Team Labour, and disposed of to a Market Gardener in approved tips covered with rough peat moss and allowed to decay.

No nightsoil is allowed to be spread direct on to any land.

There have been no complaints during the year from this tip.

Ashes Accommodation.

Houses using Covered Ash Pits	108	All to	
Houses using Open Ash Pits	12	120 Ash Bins.	
Houses using Ash Bins	1,616 ...	93%	
Houses using Covered Ash Pits	68 ...	4%	
Houses using Open Ashpits	39 ...	3%	

During the Year the Council gave an Ash Bin to Owners who would do away with the Covered Ash Pits at their property, a number of them took advantage of the offer resulting in 108 Ash Bins being supplied.

Disposal.

All house refuse is tipped at the Council's private tip, in Booth Lane, and disposed of under Controlled Tipping Method.

A plague of Crickets got into the tip during the Summer and caused considerable trouble, all faces of the tip were sealed with 12 ins. of soil well rammed down and the Crickets quickly died down and no further work was necessary.

The Crickets also affected a number of Houses near the tip, but on report a man was at once sent to spray the house with Zaldicide and kept the house under supervision for a time and the plague was kept under and quickly subsided.

There have been no complaints from this tip otherwise.

(3). SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Tabulated statement on page 14.

(4). Shops.

All shops regularly visited and found to be in order, no complaints from Shop Inspector.

For tabulated list of Shops see page 17.

(5). Burials.

Cemetery in Urban Area, under control of Joint Burial Board, to which Urban Council elects Seven Representatives.

Cemetery in excellent condition. Accommodation very good.

Mortuary at Cemetery, for one body, in charge of Cemetery Keeper in a good and clean condition, excellent for Post Mortem examinations.

Parish Church Yard closed for Burials.

(6). Schools.

These number THREE, serving Urban and Rural Population.

All have Town's water laid on, Water Closets and Ashbins.

None of the Schools have been closed during the Year for Epidemics.

(7). Offensive Trades.

One Knacker's Yard, Licensed, kept in good clean order. Town's water laid on, used as a receiving yard only, no other work carried on.

(8). Rag Flock Act.

No premises in the Area where this is produced or sold.

(9). Swimming Pools.

There are none in the Area.

(10). Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Number found : Council Houses, 1 ; Other Houses, 1. Total 2.

These houses were regularly sprayed with Zaldicide by Council Workman under supervision of Sanitary Inspector, this was found to be satisfactory, and no further complaints have been made.

Section D. Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the Year.

By Urban Council	48
By Private Enterprise	25
Total	73

Number of houses erected during the past five Years and houses erected by Council on page 16

Position at the end of Year of Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders have been made or undertaking accepted.

	Original Survey	During 1938
Total Houses recommended	20 ...	4
Demolition Orders made	14 ...	Nil
Undertakings accepted	6 ...	4
Houses Vacated	20 ...	2
Houses Demolished	10 ...	Nil
Waiting Demolition	7 ...	Nil
Still Occupied	Nil ...	2
Houses closed on recommendation of Sanitary Inspector	— ...	5

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

(1)	(A) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Housing Defects (under Public Health Acts)	307
	(B) Number of Inspections made for this purpose	410
(2)	(A) Number of Dwelling Houses (included under Sub-Head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	7
	(B) Number of Inspections made for this purpose	14
(3)	Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	9
(4)	Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	10

(2). Remedy of Defects during Year without Service of Formal Notice.

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 10

(2) Houses closed for Human Habitation 5

(3) Houses Vacated 5

(4) Houses Demolished ... ... Nil

(3). Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(1) Houses recommended for closing for Human Habitation 4

(2) Undertakings accepted 4

(3) Houses vacated 2

(4) Suspended until March 31st, 1939 2

(A) Proceedings under Sections 17 to 23 of the Housing Act, 1930.

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs ... ... Nil

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices ... ... Nil

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ... Nil

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices ... ... Nil

(C) Proceedings under Sections 19-21 of the Housing Act, 1930.

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil

(D) Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930.

(1) Number of separate Tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of separate Tenements or Underground rooms of which Closing Orders were determined the Tenements or Rooms have been rendered fit ... Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1935.

(A) (1) Number of Dwellings Overcrowded at end of Year ... ... Nil

(B) (1) Number of new cases of Overcrowding reported during the Year 2

(2) Number of Families dwelling therein 4

(3) Number of Persons Dwelling therein ... ... $12\frac{1}{2}$

(C) (1) Number of Cases of Overcrowding relieved during the Year 2

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... ... $12\frac{1}{2}$

(D) Particulars of any cases in which Dwelling Houses have again become Overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of Overcrowding ... ... No Cases

(E) Any other particulars with respect to Overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report.

REPORT.—In view of the increase of population due to the influx of workers at two works it may soon become necessary to consider the erection of more Council Houses.

Section E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk. Wholesale Producers.

Special Designations. Grade A 1. Accredited License 1. 2

Other Wholesale Producers... 6

Total Wholesale Producers 8

Producers and Retailers in the Urban Area 5

Retailers, Premises outside the Area 5

Retailers of Pasteurised Milk One Firm. Four Branch Shops. 1

Shippons and premises in the Urban Area are kept in good clean condition, all have plentiful supply of Town's water laid on.

Milk has maintained its high standard, there have been no prosecutions under the Milk and Dairies Order or any other order or Act during the Year.

Meat and other Foods.

Slaughter Houses Registered, 3. Licensed, 4. 7

Three of these are for own Local supply and the remainder are Wholesale Butchers, supplying the Manchester Market.

All Slaughter Houses are kept clean and in good order, have Town's water laid on.

All Slaughter Houses use the Humane Killer.

All Slaughter Men are properly registered.

Tuberculosis Meat.

Cows slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order 6

Found to be affected 4

Passed as fit for food, not affected 2

Both these Cows were sold in the Manchester dead Meat Market.

Other Places where Food is Prepared and Sold.

Bakehouses.

Factory Bakehouses, 4. Other Bakehouses, 3. Total 7.

All Bakehouses have been kept in good order and free from any nuisance, all have good floors and Town's water with ample washing accommodation.

Fish and Chip Shops.

These Number 7, all have been found to be in order and kept in a clean state, no complaints as to smell from frying.

Other Places where Food is Sold or Prepared.

These have been kept clean, refuse has been regularly desposed of without nuisance.

Fish and fish refuse along with other food refuse is deposited in the nightsoil tip.

All have Town's water and ample washing accommodation.

Nutrition.

No action taken.

Shell Fish.

There are no Shell Fish Beds in this Area.

Section F.

Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases.

Infectious Disease.

This calls for no particular comment, there was a mild attack of Scarlet Fever in December resulting in five cases being notified, all being of varying ages from two years to NINE years.

It is to be noted that Diphtheria is singularly absent, the last case being notified on 17th July, 1933.

Swabs and Serums are at the disposal of the Medical Attendant of any case.

Swabs examined by the Public Health Laboratory, University of Manchester, during 1938 number seven. Negative results, seven.

Isolation Hospital.

Accommodation sufficient, number of cases nursed at Hospital during 1938, 8

All Head Teachers are notified at once of the presence of an Infectious Disease, also the Head Librarian.

Prevention of Blindness.

Under County Council.

Tuberculosis.

No person notified was found to be engaged in the milk trade or any other food trade.

For table, see page 11.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1938.

TABLE A.

Disease	At all ages	Nursed at Hospital		Nursed at Home		Total Deaths
		Removed	Deaths	Notified	Deaths	
Scarlet Fever	10	8	...	2	...	...
Puerperal Fever	1	...	...	1	...	...
Pneumonia (all Forms) ...	6	...	...	6	3	3
Erysipelas	2	...	...	2	...	...
Ophthalmia	1	...	...	1	...	...
Totals ...	20	8	Nil	12	3	3

TABLE B.

Disease	At all ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 2	2 and under 3	3 and under 4	4 and under 5	5 and under 10	10 and under 15	15 and under 20	20 and under 35	35 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	10	...	1	...	...	...	7	2	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	6	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...
Erysipelas ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
Ophthalmia ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	20	2	1	1	...	...	8	2	3	1	...	2	...

TABLE C.

Disease	At all ages	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Scarlet Fever	10	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	5
Puerperal Fever	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	6	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Erysipelas ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	20	2	3	2	...	1	2	1	1	...	1	1	6

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1938.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
35	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
45	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 & upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	Nil	Nil	3	4	1	Nil	Nil	Nil

Cases added to the Register otherwise than by Formal Notification.

NIL.

Cases restored to the Register, having been removed in a previous year.

NIL

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
On Register, January 1st, 1938	6	7	10	8	16	15
Notified during 1938	...	...	4	3	4	3
Totals ...	6	7	14	11	20	18
Discharged during 1938	1	2	3	1	4	3
On Register December 31st, 1938 ...	5	5	11	10	16	15

Number of Specimens of Sputum examined by County Council.

Positive, 1 ; Negative, 11 ; Total, 12.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Deaths occurring and registered in the District only during 1938.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Males	Females	Total
Nephritis (Acute and Chronic)	1	2	3
Heart Disease	14	3	17
Cancer (all forms)	5	2	7
Thrombosis	2	1	3
Diabetes	1	—	1
Pneumonia (all forms)	2	1	3
Prematurity	2	1	3
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory system... ...	1	—	1
Haemorrhage	—	2	2
Senility	—	2	2
Embolism	1	—	1
Marasmus	—	2	2
Sarcoma	—	1	1
All Causes	29	17	46
Deaths of Infants under One Year :—			
Prematurity	2	1	3
Marasmus	—	1	1
Totals	2	2	4
Births Registered in the District only :—			
3 months ended March 31st, 1938	11	11	22
„ „ June 30th, 1938	9	8	17
„ „ September 30th, 1938 ...	8	16	24
„ „ December 31st, 1938 ...	14	11	25
Totals for 1938	42	46	88

Corrected figures and rates to be forwarded on receipt of final figures from Registrar General.

DEATHS BY AGES AND MONTH OCCURING.

Month	At all ages	under 1 year		1 and under 2		2 and under 5		5 and under 15		15 and under 25		25 and under 35		35 and under 45		45 and under 55		55 and under 65		65 and under 75		75 and over		Rate for m'th
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
January	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	1·19
February	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0·66
March	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0·01
April	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	1·23
May	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	0·59
June	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	1·21
July	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	0·78
August	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	0·58
September	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	1·01
October	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	0·01
November	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	0·81
December	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	0·65
Totals	46	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	2	...	...	7	1	3	3	9	2	6	4	8·73

Total Deaths 46. Males 29. Females 17.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

Disease	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	Total for 5 years
Pneumonia (all Forms)	12	8	13	15	6	54
Puerperal Fever (all Forms)	5	...	1	2	1	9
Erysipelas	...	2	...	1	2	5
Scarlet Fever	6	20	1	1	10	38
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1	...	...	...	...	1
Typhoid (all Forms)	...	1	...	...	...	1
Ophthalmia	...	...	...	1	1	2
Totals	24	31	15	20	20	110
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	4	2	2	5	...	13
Non-Pulmonary	1	4	6	4	7	22
Totals	29	37	23	29	27	145

Average for the past Five Years.

Infectious Disease ... ... 22·0

Tuberculosis, Pulmonary ... ... 2·6

Non-Pulmonary ... 4·4 Total 7·0

Tabular Statement of Sanitary Inspector.

Year ended December 31st, 1938.

Nature of Inspections Made	Number of Inspections made	Number of Notices Served		Results of Service of Notices	
		Informal	Statutory	Complied with	Remaining in hand
Dwelling Houses	410	10	...	10	...
Housing Acts	4	...	4	2	2
Tents, Vans and Sheds	6	2	...	2	...
Courts, Yards and Passages ...	8	1	...	1	...
Pail and Privy Closets	148	4	...	4	...
Water Closets	2024	70	...	70	...
Ashbins, Ashpits and Disposal ...	1910	180	...	180	...
House Drainage	9	1	...	1	...
Ditches and Watercourses	10	1	...	1	...
Keeping of Animals	16	2	...	2	...
Slaughter Houses	153	2	...	2	...
Inspection of Food	315	...	...	...	...
Piggeries	16	1	...	1	...
Dairies and Milk Shops	24	...	...	...	...
Factories and Workshops	36	...	...	...	...
Bakehouses	48	...	...	...	...
Offensive Trades	12	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding	20	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	33	3	...	3	...
Total	5202	277	4	279	2

During the month of September and since a considerable amount of time has been spent in preparation of schemes under A.R.P.

Births for the Past Five Years.

Year	Males	Females	Total	Rate
1934	45	37	82	14·4
1935	47	41	88	15·9
1936	49	43	92	15·8
1937	48	52	100	16·68
1938	42	46	88	14·68
Totals ...	231	219	450	77·46
Average for 5 years ...	46·2	43·8	90	15·49

Deaths for the Past Five Years.

Year	Males	Females	Total	Rate
1934	40	32	72	13·15
1935	40	36	76	12·05
1936	34	29	63	10·80
1937	37	23	60	10·01
1938	29	17	46	7·81
Totals ...	180	137	317	53·82
Average for 5 years ...	36	27·4	63·4	10·76

NOTE.—The Births and Deaths for the year 1938 are subject to alteration on receipt of Final Figures from Registrar General.

Number of Houses erected during the past Five Years.

Year	Local Authority	Private Enterprise	Total
1934	13	27	40
1935	...	39	39
1936	...	56	56
1937	...	50	50
1938	48	25	73
Totals ...	61	197	258

NUMBER OF HOUSES ERECTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Webb's Lane	18
St. Ann's Avenue	48
Kitfield Avenue	56
Sutton Lane	21
Hayhurst Avenue	40
Total Houses	183

CONSUMPTION OF WATER DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

Year	Gallons per day
1934	202,068
1935	206,619
1936	210,317
1937	218,913
1938	225,864

ROADS AND STREETS IN THE AREA.

		Miles	Miles
Main Roads	Class A	3·59	
	Class B	1·39	
		——	4·98
Other Roads and Streets			6·74
Unadopted Roads and Streets			0·86
Passages and Footpaths			0·16
Unadopted Passages and Footpaths			0·54
Total			13·28

FIRE HYDRANTS IN URBAN AREA.

There are 108 Fire Hydrants in the Area.

SHOPS IN THE URBAN AREA.

	Living Accommodation	Lock up	Total
Grocers	4	5	9
Ironmongers	1	2	3
Stationery, Sweets, Tobacco	11	1	12
Drapery	8	3	11
Butchers	4	4	8
Furniture	1	3	4
Boots and Shoes	3	1	4
Hairdressing, Ladies' and Gent's ...	4	3	7
Fruit, Vegetable and Flowers	7	2	9
Bakers and Confectioners	3	3	6
Chemists, Jewellers, Opticians	1	4	5
Fish and Chips	7	...	7
General	28	1	29
Miscellaneous	11	3	14
Void	3	1	4
Totals	96	36	132
Licensed Houses and Clubs	14	2	16
Totals	110	38	148

ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year ending December 31st, 1938 on the working of the Factory and Workshop Act in the Urban District of Middlewich.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Premises.	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Defects Remedied
Factories	24	...	...
Workshops	6	...	...
Workplaces	6	...	...
Totals	36	Nil	Nil

EMERGENCY EXITS AT FACTORIES.

Seven Certificates of Suffiiciency Emergency Exits were granted by the Council during the year.

REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Occupation	Number
Cycle Repairing	2
Builders, Plumbers and Decorators	7
Blacksmiths	2
Wheelwrights, Joiners, Cabinet Making	6
Canal Boat Building	1
Tin Plate Working	1
Clock and Watch Repairing	2
Sadlers	1
Bakehousrs	3
Canal Wharves	1
Ladies' Underwear (Packing only)	1
Printers	1
Boot and Shoe Repairing	2
Total	30

REGISTERED FACTORIES.

Occupation	Number.
Motor Repairing Garages	6
Salt Manufacture	6
Alkali Manufacture	1
Silk Winding	2
Builders, Wheelwrights, Cabinet Working	7
Boot and Shoe Repairing	2
Tailoring and Clothing Manufacture	2
Corn Grinding and Chop Cutting	2
Blacksmiths	1
Bakehouses	4
Bottling Stores	1
Cheese Production	1
Cinema	1
Sanitary Ware Manufacture	1
Brickmaking	1
Total	38

I have to report that the Factories, Workshops and Workplaces in your Area have been kept in a clean and good condition, all are well provided with Sanitary accommodation and have a good supply of Town's Water laid on for drinking purposes.

The Regulations made under thc Act have been observed and no complaints have been received from H.M. Factory Inspector during the year.

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